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1. From 3-5 December the following Chinese Communist Forces (CCF) activities were observed southwest of Kumsong (N 38-25, E 127-37) (CT-7953):
- a. On 3 December an unknown number of Chinese Communists were constructing bunkers and digging trenches by the light of bonfires at CT-7045. Dynamite explosions were heard in the hills at CT-763444, CT-762451, CT-752457, CT-745446, and CT-740455.
- b. On 4 December three Chinese Communist storage tunnels were at the base of a hill at CT-743492 and were guarded by two Chinese Communists carrying rifles longer than the U.S. M-1. The Chinese Communists wore khaki overcoats, fur caps, and khaki-colored boots. They wore no gloves and no insignia was visible. In the afternoon two carts, each drawn by three horses and loaded with rice and other foods, arrived at the tunnels. The drivers wore CCF uniforms. The carts were unloaded by 12 Chinese Communists from the tunnels. Later two carts came with cases apparently of ammunition since they were heavy and difficult to unload. Later two Soviet GAZ trucks came with about 100 cases of ammunition.
- c. On 4 December 16 Chinese Communists were observed digging two storage tunnels with picks and dynamite at CT-741489. Nearby were 10 trenches, apparently barracks, on the south side of a hill and three kitchen trenches. The trenches were built with logs, sandbags, and had canvas tops. Approximately 20 men could sleep in each trench. About 150 men were observed in the area. On the morning of 4 December on the northwest side of a hill at CT-743490 about 300 men were seen doing drill. During the day the men worked on the bunkers and tunnels in the vicinity. In 14 hours about 100 dynamite explosions were heard. During the night of 4 December bonfires were seen and men were heard working with picks constructing bunkers at CT-735479 (Hill 522), CT-735494, CT-745498, CT-753483 (Hill 553), and CT-732466 (Hill 477).

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- d. On 5 December at the foot of a mountain at CT-745448, there were about 30 small trenches, possibly bunkers. During the day only 5 or 6 Chinese Communists were seen. In the morning five horse-drawn carts with food and one with ammunition arrived. In the afternoon four carts came, were unloaded, and returned north on a narrow, unimproved, one-way road.
2. On 4 December in the CT-780492 area, tunnels and bunkers were being built. Four Chinese Communists were seen cleaning two heavy mortars of unknown caliber. The Chinese Communists wore khaki overcoats, fur caps with no insignia visible, khaki gloves, and boots. On 4 December nine Chinese Communist vehicles passed on a broad, improved, graded road running north and south in the area of CT-779487. There were three Soviet GAZ trucks, one jeep, and five canvas-topped trucks about the same size as the U.S. three quarter-ton 4 x 4. The canvas-topped trucks apparently were carrying mainly food. Two were apparently loaded with ammunition cases. On 5 December seven tunnels were in Hill 482 at CT-771456 and 10 soldiers were seen. One Soviet jeep followed by a 12-wheeled horsecart arrived loaded with ammunition. About 30 Chinese Communists rounded Hill 482, unloaded the boxes, and took them to the top of the hill.

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